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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005. In the prior response filed on January 18, 2005, Applicants, by electing the specific claims identified in the response, elected categories B, C, and E without specifically so stating. Each of claims 1, 3, 11, and 13 read on the elected species B, C, and E. Hopefully this response further clarifies Applicants' prior election of the species. If any further clarification is necessary, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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